



[OMB Control No. 2900-0114]

Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review: Statement of Marital Relationship

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0114."

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101(3), 38 U.S.C. 101(31), and 38 U.S.C. 103(c).

Title: Statement of Marital Relationship (VA Form 21-4170).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0114.

Type of Review: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-4170 is used to gather information that is necessary to determine whether a valid common law marriage was established. The form is used by persons claiming to be common law widows/widowers of deceased veterans and by veterans and their claimed common law spouses. Benefits cannot be authorized unless a valid marriage is established.

This is a reinstatement only with no changes. The respondent burden has decreased due to the estimated number of receivables averaged over the past year. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The ***Federal Register*** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 86 FR 46 on March 11, 2021, page 13968.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 919.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 25 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,205.

By direction of the Secretary:

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